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港香

PRICE 32c PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 25, SERANT, British str., 1,270, Samuel F. North, Saigon 21st April, Kiro. MALONE & CO. April 25, DANUBE, British steamer, 561, A Cheung, Bangkok 17th April, General YEN FAT HONG.

April 25, COMPTON, British str., 1,183, Jas. O'Brien, Saigon 21st April, Rice. SINGH & CO. April 26, CLEVELAND, British steamer, 769, Jardine Matheson & CO. April 26, NIGATA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,056, Wilson Walker, Yokohama 17th April, and Kobo 20th, General—M. B. CO.

April 26, BUA PAN, Siamese ship, 574, J. Hansen, Bangkok 22nd March, Rice—YEN FAT HONG.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE April 25th. Date, British steamer, for Bangkok. Glenarvan, British steamer, for Swatow. Yangtze, British steamer, for Shanghai. Laeles, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES.

April 26, KIUNG-CHOW, British steamer, for Hainan. April 26, TOTTEN, British str., for Swatow. April 26, CHI-AN, Chinese gunboat, for Foochow.

April 26, MENSTRU, British str., for Keelung. April 26, YANTZEE, British steamer, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per D'ruelle, str., from Bangkok—40 Chinese. Per Congdon, str., from Saigon—7 Chinese. Per Cleary, str., from Saigon—25 Chinese. Per Nagata Maru, str., from Yokohama and Kobe—Mr. Falconer and Mr. J. G. T. Hassell from Yokohama. Mr. Souzer and 3 children, and Miss Frey from Kobe.

DEPARTED.

Per Date, str., for Bangkok—15 Chinese. Per Glenarvan, str., for Swatow—3 Europeans and 87 Chinese. Per Larter, str., for Singapore, &c.—4 Cabin and 98 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Serant reports left Saigon on 21st April and had fine weather throughout.

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BANKS.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862 on 23rd March, 1893.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £205,250.

RESERVE FUND £30,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39, THE QUEEN'S STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business are transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

E. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1879. (1748)

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

Incorporated 7th and 18th March, 1848.

Recognised by the International Convention of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP £300,000.

RESERVE FUND £50,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES AT—LONDON, BOURBON, SAINT FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOUBAT, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS: THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the world, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

E. G. VOULLEMBERT, Manager, Shanghai, 20th May, 1879. (1910)

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL £1,500,000. RESERVE FUND £100,000.

BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts and the Cheque Commercial Places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 Months' Notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

At 6 Months' Notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

At 12 Months' Notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 14th September, 1879. (1911)

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 Months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 Months 5 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq., Manager.

SHANGHAI—EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum of the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 5 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

DAVID SASOON, Sons & Co.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1880. (1912)

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

The following RATES of INTEREST are ALLOWED on FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 12 Months 5 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 Months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 3 Months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1879. (1913)

TO LET.

THE TWO HOUSES Nos. 14 and 15, STANLEY STREET, lately in the occupation of the Temperance Hall.

Apply to DOUGLAS LARSHAN & CO.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1880. (1914)

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

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NOTICE.

A. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS'
PERFUMERS.
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMAN,
And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.
SHIPS MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. WATSON and Co.,
HONG-KONG DISPENSARY. [S]

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HONGKONG, APRIL 27TH, 1880.

On the various sections of enlightened organised society, none more deservedly holds the high position it occupies than the department of the Law. Being the science which governs the actions of man when collected in communities, directing their conduct towards each other in their various relations arising out of the circumstances of private and public economy, encouraging their rights, and throwing its strong protecting arm around their property, liberties, and lives, the Law is naturally looked up to with love, reverence, and awe. The high ministers of the Law, as being the exponents of that grand science, are accordingly clothed with power as their position necessitates, and as a rule the nature of their lofty calling makes itself seen in the equitableness, impartiality, self-control, self-respect, conscientiousness, and dignity of those Titans of a noble profession. Indeed, happily for the reputation of British law, these attributes have been exemplified so long, so faithfully, and so consistently by its officers that in our times to speak of an English Judge is at once suggestive of an embodiment of the qualities spoken of. Occasionally, however, it happens that the unscrupulous mind receives a shock upon witnessing the descent of a justice from the pedestal to which by association public opinion has exalted him. An abdication of tamper, a cruel, cut, an unseemly action, and the ideal calm dignity of the judge becomes lost in contemplation of the ordinary mortal's infirmities. Some such shock must have been received by those who were so unfortunate as to suffer from, or be witness of, the extraordinarily hostile attitude assumed by Sir JOHN SMALE, Chief Justice of Hongkong, yesterday. A report of the circumstances will be found in another column. The ease for hearing on the occasion in question was that of KWAN HOI CHUN and Others v. FOXO SUI FUNG and Others. The Attorney-General and bar who represented the parties were in attendance, and twelve special jurors were present in answer to their summonses. Amongst the spectators were some English-speaking Chinese. As will be seen from the report, the case was not heard, the Court collapsing in consequence of the querulousness and impatience of the Chief Justice. His Lordship was evidently in one of the worst of his occasional ill humours, and so far from taking pains to conceal it, he gave it a free rein and permitted it to trample bar, officers, and jurors alike under foot.

It is unnecessary to dilate upon the lamentable facts (for lamentable it must always be to witness conduct so opposed to the usual preconceived notions of judicial propriety); they speak for themselves to all lovers of common courtesy, civility, and order; and the only conclusion to be drawn is that the Chief Justice permitted himself to carry matters further than he intended; we charitably hope so. Even allowing this, the fact remains that every one in the Court was insulted, the Attorney-General was hooted and denied a hearing, much in the same manner as some mothers refuse an application for pudding on the ground that the child had previously stated he required none. This sort of nursery ethics is scarcely strong enough when Judges and Attorneys-General are concerned. When individuals, although high legal functionaries, become advanced in years perhaps some excuse may, in charity, be made for petulance of the kind, but we know not what can justify the slight offered to those gentlemen who attended as Special Jurors; what had they done that they should have been left without a word? A Special ceremony, too, did the Register and Usher receive; indeed, unlike Phillips, everyone "failed to please."

In spite of numerous judgments reversed on appeal, it is our pleasure to say that Sir JOHN SMALE has been a most worthy and creditable occupant of the Bench. In the Criminal Court he has shown a lecturer of the first water; it is to be hoped that for yesterday's performance he will call himself to task and rate himself as he so well knows how to rate others. His Lordship should know that in making the solemn business of the law, a matter for laughter and derision, he has not been slightly at fault. We say this with profound regret, not less so for His Lordship himself than for the British law as a grand and stately institution. It may be that the abdication referred to was induced by his Lordship's ill health, and if that be so he has the sincere sympathy of all. That circumstance would, however, point to the necessity for his early retirement from official life. A judge should not only be able to perform his duties, but to do so well; and we fear that to give rein to the temper, whether arising from indisposition or not, incapacitates a judge from the due performance of his duties, wherein so much of calm consideration, keen penetration, and searching analysis are demanded. Should, however, the loss of temper be attributable to causes other than indisposition it can only just tax us. Fortunately it is seldom that a member of the British judiciary leaves the bench followed by derisive laughter from bar and jurors; it is therefore to be hoped that the unpleasant sound may long linger in His Lordship's ear, reminding him of what a departure from customary judicial composure is capable of evoking, and warn him of a repetition of it in future. *Quantum mutatus ab illo!*

The Jan Peter left Sydney, N.S.W. for Shanghai on the 1st March.

The George William Merson arrived in Sydney, N.S.W. on the 22nd March from Kobe, having made the passage in 45 days.

The Portuguese transport Africa arrived at Macao at 5 o'clock on Sunday evening and will come to Hongkong to be docked.

The German steamer Saxon from Hamburg to England, put into Hongkong on the 13th ultimo with cargo shifted, which was slightly deranged, and pumps choked by coal from bunkers.

In their Tax Report, dated Colombo, 31st March, Messrs. Theos. Watson and Sons state:—

"During the fortnight just past, small sales have been made, when 2,300 sheets changed hands; they went off very fast at a further decline."

On Saturday afternoon an accident occurred to one of the men at work on the Pacific Mail steamer City of Tokio. A Chinaman was at work on a stage on the side of the vessel, and is supposed to have struck the man, knocking him below. He was picked up severely shocked and bruised and conveyed by Sergeant King to the Civil Hospital. The man is now progressing favourably.

We are pleased to state that the Mail List is published twice a day, and the Extras should be regarded as an additional list issued in connection with the paper. The list given in the paper of our daily lists is inserted for the convenience of residents at the outports, &c., who do not see the Extras, but as it is necessary to print some hours before our 9 a.m. Extras go to press, it cannot be looked upon as a working list brought up to that hour by the Post Office. Attention to this will probably save our constituents from unavailing mistakes.

The following were the current rates of freight for vessels on the berth at home on the departure of the last mail, March 12th.—For Conference steamers.—To Hongkong, £1 1s. weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement; to Macao, £1 1s. weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement; to Shantung, £2 1s. weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement; to Yunnan, £2 1s. weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement. For China and Japan Shippers' Association.—To China, £1 1s. 6d. dead weight and £1 1s. measurement; to Japan, £1 1s. 6d. dead weight and £1 1s. measurement; to and from Yunnan, £2 weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement. For sailing vessels.—To Hongkong, £1 1s. 6d. weight, 21 ft. measurement, and to Shanghai, £1 1s. 6d. weight, 21 ft. measurement, and to Yunnan, £2 1s. weight, and £1 1s. 6d. measurement. The following are the current quotations for coal.—From Wey or Tyne, per ton.—To Hongkong, £3 1s.—To Shanghai or Yokohama, £3.—From Newport, Cardiff, or Swansea, per ton.—To Hongkong, £1 7s. 6d.; and to Shanghai, £1 11s. 6d. From Birkenhead, per ton.—To Hongkong, £1 1s. and to Shanghai £1 1s. 6d.

The "Pole Club" met on Saturday for their annual practice. Eight men put in an appearance and the ball was set in motion at 5 p.m. The sides were as follows:—Léger-chassé, Tannad, Saunders, and Lowe, against Charley, Davidson, Steele, and Friend. The play was greatly in favour of the latter team, they obtaining two goals to their opponents two. Charley and Davidson were in fine form, the former being particularly brilliant. The ball was well handled and turned by Tannad and Lowe, against Charley, Davidson, Steele, and Friend. The play was greatly in favour of the latter team, they obtaining two goals to their opponents two. Charley and Davidson were in fine form, the former being particularly brilliant. The ball was well handled and turned by Tannad and Lowe, against Charley, Davidson, Steele, and Friend. The play was greatly in favour of the latter team, they obtaining two goals to their opponents two. Charley and Davidson were in fine form, the former being particularly brilliant. 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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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OTUM.—Since last notice, sales of Patna at \$345; the drug is now held to higher rate. Bonars quoted at \$310 to \$312. Of New Malwa sales at \$780, with allowance to twenty taels.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/6
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 3/6 to 3/10
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 3/10 to 3/10
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 3/10
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 3/10
Bank, on demand..... 3/10
On HONG KONG, Bank, on demand..... 3/04
On CALCUTTA, Bank, on demand 3/04
On SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... 7/4
Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/4

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—53 per share. Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,450 per share. China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,450 per share.

North China Insurance—The, 1,150 per share. Yangtze Insurance Association—The 738 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$295 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$800 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$227 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 133 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—5 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$24 per share premium.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The 5 per share.

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—The 100 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—7/5 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$66 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$159 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

SALE REPORTED BY CHINESE.

White Sugar—80 bags, at \$5.70, by Kwong to travelling trader.

Sugar—30 bags, at 39.12, by Kwong to travelling trader.

Vermicilli—30 bags, at 37.00, by Yao Wo Loong to travelling trader.

Almonds—20 cases, at \$225.00, by Yao Wo to travelling trader.

Brown Sugar—120 bags, at \$4.50, by Min Hing Chang to travelling trader.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

APRIL 20TH.

Berometer—1 M. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5.

Thermometer—4 F. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5.

Barometer—9 M. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5. 70.5.

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